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 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)  
 for the **Daniel Island Terminal(s)** in the City of Charleston, Berkeley  
 County, South Carolina

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

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 SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District intends  
 to prepare a DEIS to assess the social, economic and environmental  
 effects of the proposed construction of the **Daniel Island Terminal** in  
 the City of Charleston, Berkeley County, South Carolina. The DEIS will  
 assess potential impacts on a range of alternatives, including the  
 preferred alternative.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or  
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 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Charleston District intends to prepare a  
 DEIS on the proposed marine cargo **terminal** on **Daniel Island** which is  
 located in the City of Charleston, Berkeley County, South Carolina.  
 This project is proposed by the South Carolina State Ports Authority  
 (SPA).

1. Description of Proposed Project

The proposed project is the creation by the South Carolina State  
 Ports Authority (SCSPA) of a marine cargo **terminal** complex at **Daniel  
 Island** in the City of Charleston, Berkeley County, South Carolina,  
 which includes the following components: approximately 1,300 acres of  
 port **terminal** development at the south end of **Daniel Island** to include  
 cargo marshaling areas, cargo processing areas, cargo-handling  
 facilities, intermodal rail facilities, and related **terminal** operating  
 facilities; approximately 7,000 feet of wharf and berthing area on the  
 Cooper River and approximately 5,000 feet of wharf and berthing area on  
 the Wando River; approximately 35 acres of

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dredged berthing area; associated improvements to the Wando River  
 Channel; approximately 2.5 miles of multi-lane roadway construction  
 between the proposed **terminal** site and Interstate I-526; approximately  
 11 miles of rail connecting the proposed **terminal** facilities to the  
 East Cooper and Berkeley Railroad; and a rail bridge and road bridge  
 over Beresford Creek.

2. Alternatives

The following alternatives will be examined to identify the  
 reasonable alternatives to be fully evaluated in the DEIS: No Action;  
 the modification of existing SCSPA **terminal** facilities to meet the  
 purpose and need of and for the proposed project; alternative locations  
 within the jurisdictional authority of the SCSPA where the proposed

within the jurisdictional authority of the SCSA where the proposed facilities might be developed, including locations within and outside of Charleston Harbor; alternative facility layouts for the proposed **terminal** facilities; and alternative methods and locations for providing surface transportation access to the proposed **terminal** facilities.

### 3. Scoping and Public Involvement Process

Scoping Meetings to gather information on the subjects to be studied in detail in the DEIS will be conducted. There will be two (2) sessions, one specifically for the Federal and State agencies with regulatory responsibilities and one for the general public. These meetings are as follows:

Federal and State Agency Scoping Meeting: June 24, 1997, 2:00 pm, Charleston Museum Auditorium, 360 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29403.

General Public Scoping Meeting: June 24, 1997, 7:00 pm, Charleston Museum Auditorium, 360 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29403.

Additional public and agency involvement will be accomplished through the establishment of a Study Resource Committee to assist the Corps of Engineers with the development of the DEIS, through the conduct of public information meetings, and through a public hearing.

### 4. Significant Issues

Issues associated with the proposed facilities to be given significant analysis in the DEIS are likely to include, but may not be limited to, the potential impacts of the proposed dredging, placement of fill, construction and operation of the proposed **terminal** and surface transportation facilities, and of induced developments on: wetland resources; upland and aquatic biotic communities; water quality; fish and wildlife values including threatened and endangered species; noise and light levels in areas adjoining the proposed facilities; air quality; land forms and geologic resources; community cohesion; environmental justice; roadway traffic; socioeconomic environment; archaeological and cultural resources; recreation and recreational resources; Sec. 4(f) and 6(f) properties (parks and/or sites of cultural significance); public infrastructure and services; energy supply and natural resources; hazardous wastes and materials; land use; aesthetics; public health and safety; parklands; prime farmlands; ecologically critical areas; navigation; flood plain values; shoreline erosion and accretion; and the needs and welfare of the people.

### 5. Cooperating Agencies

Those agencies having permitting, certifying, or other approved authorities will be asked to be cooperating agencies and to assist in the preparation of this DEIS.

### 6. Additional Review and Consultation

Additional review and consultation which will be incorporated into the preparation of this DEIS will include: compliance with the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act; protection of cultural resources under Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act; protection of water quality under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act; and protection of endangered and threatened species under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

### 7. Availability of the DEIS

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is projected to be available in September 1998. A Public Hearing will be conducted following the release of the DEIS.

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